## MEDIA RELEASE ERIE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH





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## Erie County reports 19 new positive cases of COVID-19; cumulative total cases is 20,894

Erie, PA — County Executive Kathy Dahlkemper and Erie County Department of Health announce 19 new positive cases of COVID-19 have been reported in Erie County as of 11:59 p.m. on May 23.

## Data from the weekend:

Day	Positive cases reported
11:59 p.m. on May 21	26
11:59 p.m. on May 22	18

The total cumulative cases of COVID-19 in Erie County since March 2020 is 20,894, with 468 total deaths, as reported in the National Electronic Disease Surveillance System (NEDSS). This information can be found on the "Positive Cases in Erie County" page at eriecountypa.gov.

As of this morning, there are 22 total COVID-19 hospitalizations with three people on ventilators in Erie County.

The Erie County Department of Health reminds the public that unvaccinated community members risk contracting COVID-19 and, if positive for it and even without exhibiting symptoms, can infect their less healthy and under-immunized loved ones.

Being tested can help determine if someone is positive for COVID-19. Free testing clinics are available and open to the public this week. No insurance is needed and walk-ins are welcome.

- Thursday, May 27: 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Blasco Library, 160 E. Front St.
- Saturday, May 29: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Iroquois High School, 4301 Iroquois Ave.

All unvaccinated residents are reminded to wear a mask that covers their nose and mouth when near anyone who does not live inside their home, keep a six-foot distance from others, stay home when feeling ill, wash hands frequently, and limit activities outside of their homes.

The last regular weekly COVID-19 press briefing will take place Wednesday, May 26, at 3 p.m. Future briefings will be held as needed. All questions related to COVID-19 may be directed to Erie County Department of Health at 814-451-6700 or ecdhinfo@eriecountypa.gov.

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